

## Southeast Conference

### Resolution 16-05

#### **A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ENERGY POLICY MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2015 RECOGNIZING HYDROPOWER AS A RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE**

**WHEREAS**, Southeast Alaska has a vast, abundant, and untapped hydroelectric resource potential that can and will create Southeast Alaska jobs, lessen our dependence on fossil fuels, lower power costs and reduce green-house gas emissions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alaska Legislature in 2009 passed CSHJR 25 Urging the United States Congress to classify hydroelectric power as a renewable and alternative energy source; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Lisa Murkowski of Alaska and Senator Maria Cantwell of Washington have introduced and passed from the US Senate Energy and Resources Committee a bipartisan energy bill titled, Energy Policy Modernization Act of 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, in the Energy Policy Modernization Act of 2015 under Title III-Supply Part 1-Renewables, Section 3001:Hydropower is a renewable resource for purposes of all Federal programs and is an essential source of energy in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Energy Policy Modernization Act of 2015 has additional beneficial hydropower sections under sections 3002, 3003, and 3004 that assist in the development of Southeast Alaska hydropower resources; and

**WHEREAS**, Southeast Conference is the voice of Alaska communities and businesses promoting the sound and responsible development of resources, job creation and economic development for our Southeast Alaska; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Southeast Conference supports the Hydropower sections of the Energy Policy and Modernization Act of 2015 and shall write a letter of support to Alaska's Congressional delegation thanking Senator Murkowski on her bill leadership and requesting our Congressional delegation to pass the Energy Policy Modernization Act of 2015.

**ADOPTED BY THE SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2015 AND IS DUE TO SUNSET ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2016.**

Witness By:

Attest:



Garry White, President



Shelly Wright, Executive Director

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